

New Lawyer Joins Rewald Team as One Drops Out Over Conflict

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An attorney who joined Ronald Rewald's defense team has withdrawn because of a possible conflict of interest. Another attorney will take his place.

William Harrison had been approved to assist Federal Public Defender Michael Levine in Rewald's defense. But Levine said Harrison withdrew from the case after discussions with him. Attorney Wayne Parsons will join Levine on the case, he said.

Harrison withdrew because of a possible conflict of interest involving a 61-year-old man Harrison represents. That man, Mark Pohlable, is being held in the Oahu Community Correctional Center on a sex-abuse charge. He fled Hawaii in 1981 after being indicted on that charge. He was deported from Canada last year and taken into custody when he arrived in Hawaii. Re-

wald's former civil attorney, Robert Smith, said that Pohlable is a material witness in the Rewald case but did not elaborate.

Levine said he does not know what Pohlable's connection with Rewald is but said it is "conceivable" that Pohlable has some link with the CIA.

"I'M NOT saying he is (related to the case)," Levine said.

Harrison also has represented Rewald's brother-in-law, Richard Loppnow.

Levine said he will be asking today for a Wednesday hearing to delay Rewald's trial. Rewald is scheduled to be tried March 12.

He is charged in a 100-count indictment with defrauding hundreds of investors out of millions of dollars. He claims the CIA set up and ran his company, Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong.

Levine said he is happy Parsons will be joining him in the

case. Parsons is an experienced defense attorney who last year represented retired Air Force Col. William Duffy against charges that he ran a million-dollar tranquilizer distribution ring.